



Centro Kibrahacha crowns their queen!

One very important and particularly enjoyable event of the Carnival season is the party held by the Centro Kibrahacha in Piedra Plat for their members. This center for the elderly provides activities, classes and social interaction for the island's elderly, and their annual Carnival party is a much-anticipated event. This year, Nuritza Kock, an apprentice teacher at the E.P.I Vocational Training School coordinated all the elements that make the day such a treat for everyone that attends. Diane Uchtman, the Director of Centro Kibrahacha was garbed in Carnival costume, as were the five lovely ladies vying for the title of "Kibrahacha Carnival Queen 2006." Assisting MC Romo Fingal in the tough chore of running a queen election were Kibrahacha Prins and Pancho, Carmelo Lacle and Christiano Janga. As the candidates, who were named after the days of the week paraded before the gathering to display their poise and carnival spirit, family and friends cheered them on. It was a tough choice for the judges between Sra. Monday, Filomena Suarez, Sra. Tuesday, Maria Maduro, Sra. Wednesday, Felipina Leon, Sra. Thursday, Luranita Tromp, and Sr. Friday, Flora Briezen. Finally, the decision was made, and in good carnival tradition, the Prins and Pancho picked Sra. Friday, Flora Breizen to wear the sash proclaiming her "Carnival Queen Centro Kibrahacha."

Anna Grovele, Carnival Queen 2005 comically cried crocodile tears when they took her crown and placed it on the head of the new queen. It was a historic moment that was chronicled by a television crew from Rotterdam, Holland called RTV, which is in Aruba filming various carnival events.

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